

Frank Hobbs Elementary School



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November School Newsletter



November is the month when we recognize Remembrance Day, and we turn our clocks back one hour to Standard Time. This is what November looks like here at Frank Hobbs ...

2023-2024 Frank Hobbs School Bell Schedule:

- Start time 8:45 am
- Recess: 10:15-10:30
- Lunch: 11:50-12:10 (eating) 12:10-12:35 (recess time)
- Dismissal: 2:37 pm
- Attendance is 250-477-1804 (press 1) or FHAttendance@sd61.bc.ca
Please remember to use your child's first and last name.

Remembrance Day is honoured on Saturday November 11th, but the statutory holiday is on Monday, November 13th. Professional Development Day is Monday November 20th, *there will be no school for students on those days.*

Welcome to our new Staff:

Rajni Sihota – Educational Assistant
Madison North – Fine Arts Teacher (music and drama)

Remembrance Day Poppy Drive

Every year, from the last Friday of October to November 11, tens of millions of Canadians [wear a Poppy](#) as a visual pledge to honour Canada's Veterans and remember those who sacrificed so much for the freedoms we enjoy today in our country.

While the Poppy is distributed freely to all who wish to wear one, the Legion gratefully accepts donations to the Poppy Fund. At Frank Hobbs, we also recognize the incredible sacrifices made by our past and present member of our Armed Forces – We welcome you to click [here](#) to donate to the Royal Canadian Legion's Poppy Drive. The monies collected provide financial assistance and support to Veterans, including the Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP, and for their families who are in need.

***Thank you for your support - the poppy you wear, shows them you care.
We thank them for their service.***



Student Opportunities:

We are pleased to be able to offer the following opportunities for our students:

- Dance Club – grades 2/3 and 4/5 – run by Elyse Thorburn
- Soccer – grades 4/5 – run by Peter Ellison
- Library Mentors – grades 4/5 run by Megan Ruck
- Lunch Monitors – grades 4/5 run by Ramy Gerber
- Cross Country – thanks to Ms. Johns, Ms. Johnston and Karley Laughlin - *and congratulations to all of our runners, it was a great season!*
- PAC Swim Club – run by our wonderful PAC volunteers
- Floor Hockey – grade 2 (November) and grade 3 (December) - run by Jason Walasek



...to our fabulous staff and PAC for volunteering their time and energy to run our clubs & athletics! We appreciate all you do for our kids!

Chess Lessons:

Lessons for those in Divisions 1-4 have commenced and students are now actively learning how to play this wonderful game. Thank you to our PAC for sponsoring these lessons. Round 2 lessons for our grades 2/3 students begins in January.

PAC Swim Club

Please click on the link below for more information:

[Swim Club Information for Parents](#)

Dance Club Update

Dance club held its first meeting at the end of October. It was wonderful to see so many students excited about sharing and participating in dance!

There will be 2 dance clubs running this year for Grades 2/3 and 4/5. All students in these grades are welcome to join. Grade 2/3 Dance Club will meet every Tuesday at lunch recess in the gym. Grade 4/5 Dance Club will meet every Thursday at lunch recess in the gym. As in previous years, each group will learn a dance to perform at the Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival at UVic in April.

If your child has decided to join Dance Club, please remind them to wear clothing they can move in on their dance day.

Ms. Elyse Thorburn
Dance and ELL Teacher

Parent Information Regarding SOGI Education

Please click on the link below regarding our upcoming SOGI Parent Information Session - this session will be recorded and will be available at <https://learn.sd61.bc.ca/sogi/> until December 20, 2023

[SOGI Parent Information](#)

Report Card Reporting

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/reporting/resources-for-parents-and-caregivers>

Our Frank Hobbs School Website

We're working hard to keep our website current, providing families with up-to-date information in all areas of school life. Please remember to please check out the [Frank Hobbs School Website](#) – for updated District Health and Safety Information, Attendance Logging, Classroom artwork, Parent Connect, School Cash Online, school reminders, the School Calendar, Staff contact information, and much, much more!

Parent Connect:

Just a reminder to those parents who have not yet logged in to Parent Connect to review and consent to any applicable class access forms, to please do so. Teachers rely on these consent forms so thank-you for taking the time to complete them!

The link: [Parent Connect Sign In](#)

Library News:

The Frank Hobbs LLC will be holding a **Scholastic Book Fair from November 14th to 17th**. We are very excited to be having a fair this year, as it always brings in lots of new, updated, and exciting reading materials for everyone! *We are looking for some parent volunteers to help before and after school.*

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Megan Ruck in the Library at MRuck@sd61.bc.ca

The book fair will be taking place in Room 1 of the school, **the times to access the Book Fair in Room 1 will be 8:15-8:40 in the mornings and then after school from 2:45-3:15 from Tuesday (14th) through to Friday(17th)**. There will be a limited number of individuals allowed in at one time, so patience is always appreciated! Interac, Cash, Cheque, and Credit cards are accepted ways of payment.

Ms. Ruck has kindly asked that you please return your school library books on time. Thanks!

A Message From UVic to Families:

We're thrilled to introduce you to the array of valuable services and engaging opportunities available through our CORE program. These offerings are designed to support and enrich our students' learning experiences.

CORE Services - One-on-One Tutoring Sessions: We are delighted to offer one-on-one tutoring sessions, and the best part is, they are entirely free! Our dedicated team of tutors is here to provide personalized support, helping students excel in their academic pursuits. If you or your child could benefit from these tutoring sessions, please don't hesitate to reach out, and we'll be happy to arrange the sessions.

Book Club and ELL Group Sessions on Mondays: These group sessions provide a wonderful opportunity for students to engage with their peers in a fun and educational setting.

Upcoming Drop-In Workshops: We're excited to announce a series of drop-in workshops, specially designed to add an extra dash of fun and learning to your Fridays. Our next workshop is a Halloween-themed one on the 27th of October. To participate, simply sign up by the 21st of October by emailing core@uvic.ca. These workshops cover a wide range of topics and interests and are sure to provide valuable experiences for all who attend.

Health and Safety:

Information regarding the cold and flu season and school parking lot safety:

- Please do not park in the fire lane, it is a no parking zone.
- When you are walking in the front of the school, please use the sidewalk and refrain from running through the parking area or driveway for your safety.
- Click on these links for information regarding cold and flu season:
- [Daily Health Check for Parents and Staff](#)
[Keeping our School Healthy](#)

Outdoor Plants Around Playground Areas

Please speak with your children about the importance of *not picking or eating* any flowers, berries, leaves, mushrooms, or any other natural things found in our outdoor play spaces. It is our school goal this year to restore the plant life on our school property. Thank-you!

Weather and Outside Time:

With the stormy, wet weather moving in, our school playgrounds are only going to get muddier - please send your child(ren) to school with INDOOR SHOES so we can keep our classes and hallways clean. As the temperatures are definitely dropping outside, please dress your kids for the changing Fall weather - at Frank Hobbs we go outside rain or shine!

Lost and Found:

Our lost and found is bursting at the seams! There are many sweatshirts, sweaters, and jackets, especially in smaller sizes. If your student is missing clothing, please remind them to look in the lost and found closet to claim any missing or lost items.

School Cash Payments Online:

If your student's class uses an Agenda Planner and you have not yet made a payment, please remember to make your payment on the [Frank Hobbs School Website](#). You can also pay for field trips as well. Thank you so much.

1000X5 = 1000 Books by Age Five:

Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria - **Bring on the Books!**

This is the beginning month of the three book challenge. As we head into the holiday season, many families appreciate a bit of help with gifts. Every month 1000X5 pops 3000 books in 1000 gift bag: three books for each receiving child. Drop books for babies and preschoolers off in the bench ottoman in our front entry – thank-you!

Important Upcoming Dates:

November 1st : Picture Re-take Day

November 3rd : PAC Subway Sandwich Day (last day to order was Oct 23)

November 5th : Daylight Savings ENDS – remember to turn your clocks back one hour

November 9th: PAC Popcorn Day (last day to order was Oct 23)

November 10th: Remembrance Day School Assembly

November 13th : Remembrance Day Stat Holiday Observed– school not in session

November 14-17th : Scholastic Book Fair

November 17th: PAC Sushi Day (last day to order was Oct 23)

November 20th : Pro-D Day – no school for students

November 24th : PAC Pasta Day (last day to order was Oct 23)

December 1st: PAC Popcorn Day (last day to order is Nov 13) & PAC Movie Night

December 22nd: PAC Pizza Day (last day to order is Nov 13), Report Cards are available to parents, and is also the last day of classes before the Winter Break

January 8th: First Day Back from Winter Break

Thank you for your support of the Royal Canadian Legion's Poppy Drive – we here at Frank Hobbs hope you all have a wonderful month,

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Frank Hobbs PAC News!

[PAC November Update to Parents](#)

...and **SAVE THE DATE - FRANK HOBBS MOVIE NIGHT!**

Save the date for an upcoming PAC movie night on Friday, December 1st - more details to come soon!

The Frank Hobbs PAC Executive

